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1. In November 1952 peasants in Northeast China sold 658,000 tons of grain to the Chinese Communist Government under a voluntary program for grain sales. This was not enough to meet the grain goal of four million tons set for Northeast China for 1952.
2. After the November purchases, the Northeast Bureau and Northeast Government issued separate orders to local officials instructing them to compel peasants to sell grain. Village officials and party organizations were designated to administer this compulsory sale program. In Liaohsi and Kirin Provinces these orders allowed each person regardless of age or sex to keep 43/100 piculs of grain each month. All grain over that amount was to be sold to the government.
3. From 1-15 December the Ministry of Food bought 960,000 tons of grain in the Northeast area under the compulsory program.

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